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1. Circular No. 91, Hq. MTOUSA, 7 June 1946, requires immunization against diphtheria for troops and other authorized personnel in the theater. Circular Letter No. 1, this office, 6 February 1946, gives information regarding the procedure. This is supplemented by the following.

2. Schick testing, though desirable, will be of value only when done by medical officers experienced in the interpretation of the test and under conditions permitting thorough observation of personnel being tested. This procedure will be used only when such conditions prevail. All personnel under thirty-five (35) years of age not Schick tested and all Schick positives will be actively immunized.

3. Extreme caution will be exercised in administering alum-precipitated toxoid to personnel refractory to plain diphtheria toxoid. Preliminary sensitivity tests are indicated. Further immunization should not be done on those persons who exhibit definite reactions.

4. Weekly reports will be submitted to this office by each hospital and dispensary giving the following information. Information on all immunization against diphtheria carried out to date will be included in the first weekly report.

a. Number of personnel receiving first (test), second, third and fourth injections.

b. Number and type of reactions after first, second, third or fourth injections.

c. Number of personnel whose immunizations are discontinued because of reactions after first, second, third or fourth injections.

d. Number of personnel admitted to hospital or quarters because of reactions.

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- e. Age groups receiving immunization.
- f. Lot number of toxoid and name of manufacturer.
- g. Similar data on alum-precipitated toxoid when used.
- h. The following tabular form may be used:

REPORT OF DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

No.	Dosage	No. Admin.	No. of Reactions	No. in Hospital or Quarters	No. Discont'd	Age Groups	Toxoid Lot No. & MFG
1st	0.1 cc	:	:	:	:	:	:
2nd	0.5 cc	:	:	:	:	:	:
3rd	1.0 cc	:	:	:	:	:	:
4th	1.0 cc	:	:	:	:	:	:
Alum.	1.0 cc	:	:	:	:	:	:
Prec.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Toxoid:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

REMARKS: (Under remarks describe type and degree of reactions.) _____

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